10Bar Underwater Housing for Sony NEX-5N

User Manual

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1.Introduction

Made of sturdy 6061 aluminum, 10Bar housing for the Sony NEX-5N is the ideal choice for those who favor small cameras. Our housing is equipped with control buttons accessing all camera functions; full range of optional accessories like fiber optics cable connector for external flash, conversion lenses, ports for various Micro Four Thirds lenses. The clear acrylic back cover allows easy checking on the camera. For closure, the double O-ring and key-hole lock design provide ease of use and added security. Now you can enjoy the use of a full function professional DSLR type housing built for a small camera.

2. Specifications

Tested Pressure	Housings Individually Tested to 10 Bar (90 m / 300 ft.) Recommended Working Pressure : 60 m
Closure Design	Double O-ring, Key-Hole Lock
Body Material	6061 Aluminum, Acrylic
Overall Size (L x W x H)	185 x 168 x 126mm with 18-55mm Semi-dome Zoom Lens Port 118 x 168 x 126mm with 16mm Lens Port
Total Weight	Approximately 1.4kg (Housing + 18-55mm Semi-dome Zoom Lens Port) Approximately 1.1kg (Housing + 16mm Lens Port)
Buoyancy (with Camera)	Slightly Negative in Salt Water
What's In the Box	Padded Carrying Bag Spare Main O-rings + O-ring Remover Silicone O-ring Grease Universal Housing Opening Tool Nylon Lanyard
Optional Accessories	Red / Magenta Filter Macro and Wide Angle Conversion Lenses Dome Port Extension Arm for Strobe or Video Light 30mm Macro Lens Port

3. Function Controls

Buttons & Levers

(1) Power On / Off

(2) Playback

(3) Movie

(4) Soft Key A

(5) Disp

(6) Drive Mode

(7) Soft Key C

(8) Control Wheel Right Side

(9) Exposure Compensation / Image Index

(10) Soft Key B

(11) Control Wheel

(12) Key-Hole Lock

(13) Housing Lid

(14) Shutter

(15) Focus Control (for 18-55mm Lens)

(16) Zoom Control (for 18-55mm Lens)

(17) Reserved

(18) Flash On/Off

Control Details

(1) Power On / Off

- Align the white dot towards the back of the housing when mounting camera into housing.
- Press down and turn counter clockwise to power on the camera; press down and turn clockwise to turn off.

(2) Playback

Press to activate Playback.

(3) Movie

Press to start recording video.

(4) Soft Key A

Press to activate Soft Key A.

(5) Disp

Press to activate Display Contents.

(6) Drive Mode

Press to activate the Drive Mode**.**

(7) Soft Key C

Press to activate Soft Key C.

(8) Control Wheel Right Side

Press to push down on the right hand side of the Control Wheel.

(9) Exposure Compensation / Image Index

Press to activate Exposure Compensation or Image Index on the Control Wheel.

(10) Soft Key B

Press to activate Soft Key B.

(11) Control Wheel

Turn to activate different Control Wheel functions.

(12) Key-Hole Lock

Press down and turn to lock and unlock the lid.

(13) Housing Lid

Clear acrylic back cover of the housing.

(14) Shutter

Press to activate the shutter button.

(15) Manual Focus Control (for 18-55mm Lens)

Turn to manually adjust the focus on the lens..

(16) Manual Zoom Control (for 18-55mm Lens)

Turn to manually adjust the zoom on the lens

(17) Reserved

Button has no existing function and is intended for future development use.

(18) Flash On / Off

- Turn clockwise to turn on the flash.
- Turn counter clockwise to turn off the flash.
- Make sure the Flash is turned **OFF** before removing the camera from the housing.

Please consult the Sony NEX-5N camera instruction manual for details of camera functions and settings accessed by each control button.

4. Set up Instructions

Special Note on Responsibility for Watertight Integrity

Each housing is individually inspected and hydrostatically tested in the factory. However, the responsibility for ensuring the integrity of the watertight seal lies entirely with the user. 10Bar accepts no liability for damage to, or loss of any equipment used with, or placed inside the housing. It is highly recommended that an in-water test of the housing without the camera be carried out before the first dive, after changing ports or alteration of housing configuration. This simple test can be done by lowering the housing with ballast to the expected diving depth and then retrieved to check for leaks.

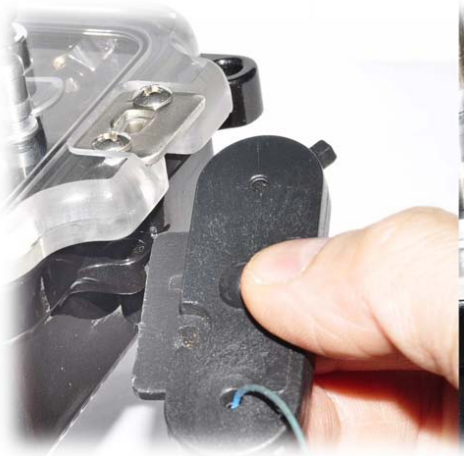
Key-hole Lock

- The clear acrylic lid is secured to the housing by two key-hole locks.
- Key-hole locks are simple, yet extremely secure mechanisms for locking down the housing lid.

Opening the Lid

Turn the levers of the locks perpendicular to the wall of the housing until the lock is released on both sides.

Pull out the lid by holding on the grip near the lock



If the lid cannot be pulled off by hand, then use the universal housing opening key to insert in between the lid and body near the key-hole lock and turn to push off the lid.

Mounting the Camera in the Housing.

Before the camera can be mounted into the housing, two **Gear Rings** have to be installed on the 18-55mm lens as shown below. The gear rings enable the Focus Control and Zoom Control buttons on the housing to turn the focus and zoom rings on the lens when manual adjustments are required.

NEX-5N Mounted in the Housing

NEX-5N Housing + Extension Ring M77 x 30 + PORT M 77 x 17

Replacing the Lid

- Replace the lid and make sure the lever is perpendicular to the side wall of the housing.
- Lock the lid by pressing down the lever and turn until the lever is parallel to the side wall of the housing.
- After replacing and locking the lid, make a final visual inspection of the main O-ring for contamination.

Note: If the O-ring has formed a good seal, a continuous thin black line, about 0.5 to 1mm in width should be visible where the O-ring is in contact with the lid. Follow this line all the way round the lid as a final check that the seal is good.

5. Use & Care of Housing

Maintaining the O-rings

The O-ring is the main seal in keeping sea water out of the housing. It is an effective barrier only if the O-ring is properly maintained. The O-ring should be inspected before every dive. The following information is provided for your guidance in using and maintaining the O-ring.

- There are two O-rings, one on the lid and one on the housing, which require regular maintenance.
- Remove the O-rings periodically for inspection.
- It is not necessary to remove, clean and re-install the O-rings after every dive provided the O-ring is not contaminated.
- If the housing is to be opened between dives for changing memory card or re-charging battery, make sure the outside of the housing is thoroughly towel dried before opening.
- After servicing the camera, replace the lid right away.
- Before replacing the lid, check the o-ring and make sure that no contaminants such as dust, hair, salt, sand etc., has fallen onto the O-ring or O-ring recess.
- The O-rings should be inspected every time the lid is opened and maintenance carried out only if necessary.

Inspection, Cleaning and Re-installation of the O-rings

Tools

- Soft cotton buds that are free of chemicals or contaminants such as loose fibers.
- Silicone grease supplied with the housing or other types of silicone grease specifically for use with underwater camera equipment can also be used.

Procedure

The following procedure should be carried out on a clean, firm, level surface (e.g., on a table) to prevent slipping especially when diving from a boat.

- The O-ring can be extracted using the O-ring extractor tool that came with the housing, or push with the flats of both thumbs or index fingers to gently stretch the O-ring on two adjacent sides thus making a small loop protruding around the corner. The loop can then be grasped and the O-ring pulled over the lip.

- Clean the O-ring recess (the square groove where the O-ring sits) with a cotton bud.
- Inspect the surface of the O-ring for contaminants and damages such as cuts or tears. This should be done visually and by running the O-ring between thumb and index finger, sensing any texture abnormalities on the surface.

- **If the O-ring is damaged or suspected of being damaged, discard it immediately**.
- Spare O-rings are supplied with your housing, or replacement O-rings can be ordered from 10Bar.
- If the O-ring is contaminated, clean it with a clean cloth.
- Re-inspect the O-ring after cleaning.
- Once the O-ring has been inspected and verified good for use, apply and distribute evenly a **SMALL** amount of silicone grease to the surface of the O-ring.
- Replace the O-ring into the groove.
- Run a finger over the O-ring to make sure it is seated properly.

Pre Dive Function Check

- Check O-ring is in the groove on the housing and the clear acrylic lid.
- Check housing is closed properly.
- Check battery and memory card status on the LCD display.
- Check control knobs and zoom function.
- Check if sync port is properly connected or rubber protective cap is securely in place.

General Operations

- The control levers and push buttons consist of internal double O-ring seals on a stainless steel shaft. This arrangement is very reliable. However, as a precaution, avoid excessively rapid movements when operating the controls causing possible deformation of the O-rings.
- Also please allow for the fact that the camera takes a second or two to power up.
- If the camera does not appear to respond to a control action, make sure that no other controls on the housing
  are pressed, thus locking out other actions.
- Wear the wrist strap; it is easy to inadvertently let go of the housing if you are distracted.
- The body & lid of the housing are made of 6061 aluminum and acrylic respectively. 6061 aluminum is selected for its outstanding corrosion resistance, strength, and toughness, while acrylic for its excellent transparency and having a high gloss surface. Although acrylic and 6061 aluminum have good resistance to weathering, long-term exposure to sunlight should be avoided.

Avoid submerging the housing in hot water for a prolonged period of time or in a cleansing tank which is directly under a hot sun where the water may get heated.

Cleaning & Storage

- It is good practice to rinse off your housing with fresh water after every dive.
- Avoid exposure to fine sand.
- After a series of 10 or more dives, e.g., after a dive holiday, the housing should be immersed in warm water for 2-3 hours to dissolve any salt deposits that may have built up.
- No chemical cleaners should ever be used.

Important!!! **For long term storage please remove the O-rings from the housing body and lid.**

Transportation

All external attachments should be removed and the housing wrapped in foam or bubble wrap for transportation

Accidents

The impact resistance of our aluminum housing is excellent. In the event that your housing encountered an impact force (e.g., being dropped), the alignment of the housing may have been altered. It is essential that you do not use the housing for diving and send it to 10Bar immediately for servicing. Put a note inside the housing stating the nature of the accident to assist our technicians in assessing the damage.

6. Service

To ensure the continued performance of your housing, it should be sent in to us for servicing annually, or after every 200 dives, whichever is earlier. A full service will include:

- Inspect all components for wear or damage and report if repair is necessary.
- Clean all sealing surfaces.
- Replace all O-rings.
- Hydrostatic pressure test to 10 Bar.

Note: Replacement of damaged components may require additional cost.

7. Warranty

The warranty is valid for two years from the date of purchase. The warranty applies only to the housing itself. 10Bar does not accept any liability either implicit or otherwise for any equipment housed inside, or used together with the housing. In the event of the housing flooded within the warranty period, 10Bar will repair or replace the housing. Disassembly of the housing will invalidate the warranty. To register a warranty, please complete the form below and return a copy by fax, email or mail to:

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Housing Type :	**Date of Purchase :**
Serial Number : (Labeled Inside Housing)	**Dealer :**
Owner's Name :	**e-mail :**
Owner's Address :	**Tel :** **Fax :**

Please keep this manual for future reference

(Note: due to continuous improvements on our products, the latest model of the housing may differ slightly from those described in this document).

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